

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
September 8, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:11 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Sean Flowerday, Tom Randa, Jacqueline Miller, Stacie Bleicher, Rick Tast (ex-officio), and Adelle Burk (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Katie Garcia, Dustin Loy, Jasmine Kingsley, Stephanie Jarrett, Jenifer Holloway (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Scott Holmes, Christina Hitz, David Humm, Charlotte Burke, and Angel Edwards.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Miller to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Mr. Randa. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Miller that the August 4, 2020 and August 18, 2020 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Randa. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Mr. Holmes, the Environmental Health Supervisor, filled in for Ms. Lopez in her absence and reviewed the Monthly Report from the Health Department Divisions:

- Animal Control: Bat Season is in full force.

- Environmental Health inspections of on-site waste-water and wells has set a record this year.
- COVID-19 cases continue to rise with school back in session. Quarantine housing has been offered to The University.
- The Railyard offered a plan to restrict capacity for social distancing.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Resolution Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis

Motion: Mr. Bowers asked for a motion to approve the Resolution before discussion. Moved by Ms. Miller. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Ms. Kingsley joined the meeting after the vote. Mr. Bowers asked for a motion to reconsider a motion for the current business action supporting the Resolution Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis to include Board of Health Member Jasmine Kingsley after their original motion.

Motion to Reconsider the Original Vote: Moved by Ms. Miller. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Motion: Mr. Bowers asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Moved by Ms. Miller. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

The Board of Health Members thanked the Health Department for their courage to speak about such a sensitive subject.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Item)

A. Air Pollution Control Advisory Board Appointment

Mr. Holmes outlined the job duties of the Air Pollution Advisory Board that included delegation and monitoring at a local level. The Health Department is requesting the reappointment of Deb McGuire (LES) and Lucas Sabalka (general public representative) and appointment of Dr. Elizabeth VanWormer from the University of Nebraska Lincoln is an expert in “One Health”.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – November 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Mr. Flowerday that the meeting adjourn. Second by Ms. Miller.
Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Angel Edwards
Recording Secretary

Katie Garcia, DDS
Vice President